



**REV. JOSEPH J. PUCCI, O.M.I.
SELFLESS SERVANT OF THE
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The Rev Joseph J. Pucci, O.M.I., of St. John Fisher Parish, West Palm Beach, died quite unexpectedly Thursday Morning, October 12, 2000 at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. Fr. Pucci was the son of the late Charles and Angelina (Lacatano) Pucci, and was born in New York City on June 5, 1913. He attended St. Michael's School in Brooklyn, NY and Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. He received the Oblate Habit on September 7, 1935 and professed his vows the following year. He pursued his priestly studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. Due to the dangers of war in Europe, he returned to this country in 1938, where he completed his studies at the Oblate College and the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He was ordained there on June 9, 1941. Following his studies and ordination, he was assigned to the Oblate Community of St. Benedict in Seattle, WA where he taught and did parochial work in the area, including Associate Pastor of Holy Rosary in Moxee, WA. Through his long fruitful ministry, he was founding pastor of the Catholic Church in Spencer, IN, Professor at Mary Mance in Toledo, OH, and Administrator of Ohio State Hospital, Pastor and Superior of the Oblate Parish and Community in Pailsades Park, NJ, and Pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Ashland, VA. There he served as the chaplain and a volunteer fireman. Fr. Pucci came to the West Palm Beach area in 1977 as Associate Pastor of the newly founded parish of Mary Immaculate and chaplain, counselor and friend to the students of Cardinal Newman High School. He retired in 1994, coming to St. John Fisher, where he was actively involved in ministry and a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital and Hospice of West Palm Beach.

After an illness of two days, this man of God passed to his Maker, leaving his nieces, Carol Cottone, Veronica Delman; and his nephews, Charles Ragona, John Ragona; three grand nephews; and friends without end. He will be sorely missed.

Fr. Pucci will lie in state at ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4001 North Shore Drive, West Palm Beach. Reception for the public will be from 4:00-8:00 PM with an 8:00 PM Holy Office of the Dead on Sunday, October 15. Mass of the Resurrection will be concelebrated 11 AM, Monday, October 16, in the church. Further Services and burial will take place on Thursday, October 19, at the Oblate Infirmary in Tewksbury, MA.

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